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RE: DOC-ITA-2017-001524

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the International Trade Administration (ITA) on October 23, 2018. In your request, you sought:

- 1) All communications with any member of the Trump presidential campaign, the Trump transition team, or employees of the Trump White House regarding (a) Ford's plan—and subsequent cancellation of the plan—to build a new production plant in San Luis Potosi, Mexico; (b) Ford's consideration of where to manufacture its next-generation Ford Focus; (c) Ford's eventual decision to shift production of its small cars (including the Focus) from the United States to China; or (d) the potential impact of any of the above decisions on U.S. jobs.

Please provide all responsive records from November 8, 2016, to the date the search is conducted.

ITA began its search August 4, 2017, which is the cut-off date for responsive records. After a thorough search, ITA has found no records responsive to your request. ITA has no obligation to create, compile, or obtain from outside of ITA a record to satisfy a request. 15 C.F.R. § 4.3(b).

While processing your request, ITA requested that the Immediate Office of the Secretary (IOS) of the Department of Commerce (DOC) conduct a search and is hereby being referred for further processing and direct response to you. You may contact IOS at:

Bobbie Parsons
FOIA Officer, Immediate Office of the Secretary
Office of Privacy and Open Government
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Mail Stop 61013
Washington, D.C. 20230
(202) 482-1190, eFOIA@doc.gov



If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact the analyst who processed your request, Brian Yanos, at 202-482-0549 or Brian.Yanos@trade.gov.

You may also contact ITA's FOIA Public Liaison, using the following information:

Victor E. Powers
Director, Management Operations Division
Office of the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
International Trade Administration
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 40003
Washington, D.C. 20230
(202) 482-5436, foia@trade.gov

Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number, DOC-ITA-2017-001524 when contacting ITA.

In addition, you may seek FOIA mediation services offered by the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS using the following information:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
(202) 741-5770 or toll free, 1-877-684-6448
facsimile: (202) 741-5769; email: ogis@nara.gov

In accordance with 15 C.F.R. §§ 4.10(a) and (b), you have the right to appeal this determination within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Department deems appeals arriving after normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday) as received on the next normal business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely. The appeal should include a copy of the original request, this response, and a statement of the reasons why you consider the Department made this determination in error. Please mail written appeals to:

Assistant General Counsel for Litigation, Employment, and
Oversight
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 5896
Washington, D.C. 20230

You may send an appeal by e-mail to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov, or through FOIAonline at <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> if you have a FOIAonline account. Clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal", in the e-mail subject line, or on both the appeal letter and envelope.

For the purpose of assessing fees, there are no billable fees for processing of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor E. Powers", written in a cursive style.

Victor E. Powers
Director
Management Operations
Office of the Chief Financial and
Administrative Officer